



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CABLE

D.T.C. 09-1

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Investigation by the Department of Telecommunications and Cable on its own motion, pursuant to General Law Chapter 159, Section 16, of the telephone service quality of Verizon New England Inc., d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts, in Berkshire, Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin Counties.

**ORDER ON APPEAL OF VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC. OF
HEARING OFFICER'S RULING STRIKING TESTIMONY**

On June 16, 2010, Verizon New England Inc., d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts ("Verizon") filed its appeal of a decision issued by the Hearing Officer on June 10, 2010, to strike from the evidence certain statements made by Verizon in its pre-filed Supplemental Testimony. Because the Department has granted the Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement and closed the investigation, Verizon's appeal is DISMISSED AS MOOT.

BY ORDER OF THE DEPARTMENT,

/s/ Geoffrey G. Why
Geoffrey G. Why, Commissioner